



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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### *BILLINGS METRO VISTA PROJECT*

#### *CUMULATIVE OUTCOMES*

The City of Billings - Community Development Division began working with the AmeriCorps\*VISTA program in 2007 specifically to assist with the development and implementation of *Welcome Home Billings*, the City's ten-year plan to impact homelessness. The City's efforts generated AmeriCorps\*VISTA project designation, thus the Billings Metro VISTA Project (MVP) officially began in July 2009.

Since 2007, **24 VISTA members** have served on the MVP specifically for the homeless initiatives! These members have generated the following outcomes:

- **\$973,074 in financial resources** were generated (cash and in-kind) to combat poverty and homelessness, in addition to **\$462,964 in resources** specific to Project Homeless Connect, **totaling \$1,436,038!**
- **77 capacity-building efforts** were implemented within non-profit organizations and / or the City of Billings to support efforts to impact homelessness.
- **3,724 new clients** were provided with services designed to impact poverty and eliminate homelessness.
- **25 new services** for the homeless were developed or improved.
- A total of **1,379 new community volunteers** were recruited and trained in homeless impact initiatives.
- **22 community assessments** were completed to better identify issues impacting homelessness.
- A total of **84 community groups and / or boards** were developed and / or supported during these initiatives!
- **47 strategic plans** impacting homelessness / poverty were implemented!
- **36 homeless families** were housed during FY2010-2011!

Should you have questions regarding this information, homeless initiatives or the Billings Metro VISTA Project, please contact Brenda Beckett at 406.657.8286 or via email at [beckettb@ci.billings.mt.us](mailto:beckettb@ci.billings.mt.us), or visit our websites:

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